## COUNCILMEN CRITICISE MAYOR M'CARTHY

we propose, as far as in our we propose, also, when the have an up-to-date, wide-awake city government; that we propose, also, when the income of the city becomes too large to wisely expend same, that we will declare a dividend in their favor by reduction of taxes in this body? Because some of us are on some committee and we are deeply interested in some little pet measure that we want to see accomplished. Let it go to the world, Mr. President, that the city of Richmond has reduced her tax rate, and it will be the brightest day Richmond has ever seen.

"I have been told that I am in favor of it because I am in the real estate business. I deny this; but if your real estate hances in value the city derives the benefit, because more value for your property means more taxes for our city. My idea in advocating the reduction of taxes is that our receipts this year are so much larger than they have been heretofors that we might spend this money unwisely. In other words, prosperty means a tendency to extravagance and reckiess expenditure of money. More people have been ruined by temporary prosperty than any other cause that I can think of.

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"The idea of the Mayor to grab the \$50,000 proposed reduction in taxes and apply to the sinking fund is unwise for the reason that the sinking fund has been amply and ilberally provided for by adoption of the one and a half per sent. (1½ per cent.) annual quota. And the Mayor has so stated in one of his messager.

Now, Mr. President, I' have not undertaken to defend the Finance Committee from the uncalled-for attack that the Mayor

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION HEARING



OTTO H. KAHN ON THE WITNESS STAND.

Considerable discussion ensued until Mr. Pollard, subcharman of the Finance Committee, explained that the committee and the School Board had agreed upon a schedule, and that further than this the Council had no power. It developed later that the increases averaged about 15 per cent, for both High School a.d district school teachers.

This ended the matter, the white teachers being satisfied, generally, with the proposed increase. Not a member of the Council expressed any dissatisfaction with the proposed increase in teachers salaries, and the adoption of the scheduled proposed. The presence of a bevy of prety teachers added zest and interest to the discussion, and the corner of the room which they adorned exercised a magnetic attraction for the members. President Peters worked his gay of vertime ende voring to silence the buzz of intermittent conversation, for which the ladies were not wholly responsible.

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Mr. Lynch, of Jefferson Ward, moved to strike out the appropriation, and advocated his motion vigorously.

He declared that it was an unheard of proposition to appropriate money for a building without having selected a sice, prepared plans, and estimated cost. He urged that the appropriation

certs.

No changes were made in the budget until the list of hospitals was being completed, when Mr. W. L. White asked that the Little Sisters of the Poor be included in the list receiving \$500. He paid a handsome tribute to this institution and warmly commended the work it was doing. The amendment was adopted by viva voce vote. No other changes were made save that in the contingent fund incident to those changes made in other funds at its expense.

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Had Narrow Escape.

The consideration of the budget in detail having been completed, the question on the adoption of the budget as a whole was called. To the surprise of many, it became evident before the roll-call was completed that the budget swould fail for the lack of the necessary twenty-four votes. There were but twenty-three affirmative votes, and Mr. Pollock, realizing the situation, changed from aye to no, and then moved a reconsideration. The fate of this motion was doubtful, when Mr. Spence came to the rescue and saved the day by a timely motion to take a recess for twenty minutes and directed the sergeant-at-arms to be sent for the absences. This prevalled and the Council waited, the presence of the young ladies of the district school teachers' committee enlivening—the gathering, and making it possible to hold the members there.

The minutes sped on swiftly, for the

"There is not a man in the City Hall who gives an hour's study to the subject of city government.

"Why, the City Council will settle great questions in ten minutes which would engage the British Parliament for three mouths.
"Men never heard of before will come into the Council and settle questions of taxation in three minutes, about which great men wrote and died without settling.

Infernal Conceit.

methods of making up a budget the committee proceeded year after year in direct violation of the charter.

that though the cost were only \$2, Colonel Cutshaw would have to call the Grounds and Buldings Committee together and see what could be done about it.

"The point I am making is that there ought to be some power somewhere to look after these small emergency mutters, without all this red tape.

Ought to Be Limited "For one thing," he said, "the char-ter requires that the rate shall be fixed every year, and a far rate has not been fixed for Richmond in twenty

is because they know that the nenand he said each committee has charge of one department, with the excep-tions that the School, Fire and Police Departments were in the hands of boards, and the Council had nothing practically to do with them except to appropriate the money for their main-tenance,
"The general opinion," he went on.

"And why don't it have any effect? It is because they know that the people don't give a durn whether they observe the charter or not."

In discussing the question of water rights, the Mayor declared that the city's rights were being invaded year by perivate corporations, and that, for one, he would defend them with force if necessary.

"I said this in a speech the other night, and some men looked at me in absolute amazement, as much as to say, 'What an awful thing: a greatity going to arms to protect its rights!"

"Why not, I may ask? A few years ago a two-cent corporation paradely your streets with armed men, with helts around them, and with pistois in their hands, to protect their rights, "Admit that its cause was just, and the fact remains. But I want to say that if I had been in office, I would have disarmed and locked every one of them up, if it had required every solder in this State to do it; and I would have informed them that, for the time being, I was the only shooting man in this city.

Force of Arms. appropriate the money for their maintenance,
"The general opinion," he went on,
"is that our Fire Department is as well
managed as any in this country,
"The police of the city seem now to
be in better shape than for years,
"The School Board is nearly a State
institution, and is to a large degree
independent of the Council.
"The difference between these boards
and the Council committees is very
marked, and the most intelligent communities all over the country are discussing whether it is better to have
boards or committees.
"In this connection I want to say
that it is only recently that the
Council realized that the Mayor land
any authority whatever.

"When they sifek to legislative
work they are supreme, but when
they begin on executive business it
is the Mayor's swern, duty to see
that they, as well as all other executive officers in the city, do their
duty."

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"If a corporation may go to arms to protect its rights, why may not a great city do the same thing?
"I say that no private interests, however great, should be permitted to operate to our own hurt, even though they employ the machinery of the courts.

"I deny the right of the courts to do

duty."

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"A few nights ago a committee called the Mayor before them to roll him over for something, and the Mayor told them they were mistaken; that he was there to see that they did their duty.

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"They were absolutely dumfounded. It was an authority of which they did not know, and which had lain dormant in the charter for years and years."

The Mayor discussed the matter of a board of control, but said if the members were elected by the Council they might as well not be elected at all.

"If we have such a board we should have the five best men in the city. I don't care if they all come from one block. I don't know if they shouldn't be elected by all the people.

"The objection is raised that this would result in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't object to this. I believe in a concentration of power, I don't chard of the don't care if the guident of the don't care if they all the people.

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RHEUMATISM



arms, back, stiff orswollenjoints Positively cures in a few days. drugs to deaden the pain, but acid and drives out all rheumatic poison from

To Benefit All.

In concluding, the Mayor said;

"As changes are resistless, the wise man adapts himself, but if he refuses the changes porsist, and he perisines. Wherever improvement makes a move, be it north, south, east or west, put all the force and energy of the city government behind it, and push it for all it is worth.

DENOUNCE BAILEY.

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AUSTIN, TEX., February 28.—The aftermath of the investigation came in the House of Representatives to-day. Representative after representative rose to denounce Senator Balley for the language he had used last evening in addressing himself to men who had voted against him. Balley's assertions were denounced as lies, his language as indecent and abusive, and his manner as insuiting.

Rrepresentative sam Johnson denounced Balley as "a wilful, malicious and premeditated liar."

Ropresentative Brown used language to the same effect, and Representative Beattle was caustle in his remarks.

ATLANTA. GA. February 23.—Governor Terrell to-day appointed Senator A. O. Bacon, United States Senator for the ad interim term between March the and the meeting of the Legislature next June, when he will be elected for another full term.

OBITUARY.

Captain A. E. McClary.

[Snecial to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., February 28.—
Captain A. E. McClary, one of the mos popular conductors on the Souther Rallway, died this morning at the Standardwis Home, where he had been it

headquarters when the schedule on the recent change in the schedule on the Southern he has been in charge of the Washington and Chattanooga or the Limited.

Mrs. Lucy Dillard.

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Special to The Times Dispatch.]
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., February 27.—
The burial of Mrs. Lucy Dillard, who died at her home here on Sunday, February 24th, took place at the Presby terian Cemetery on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following were pall-bearers: Messrs. Jno. C. Tompkins, H. G. Harris, Jackson Beal, Walter S. Darrier, S. R. Gault and Dr. J. P. Blar, Mrs. Dillard was born in Spotsylvania

Daniel W. Williams.

and a large family of children surviv

William R, Farmer,

[Special to The Times-Dispatch, 1]

BEAVER DAM, VA., February 28,
Mr. William R. Farmer, aged sixty-tyyears, died Tuesday, after a brief
ness of measles. He was a der

Christian and deacon in Gwin Churfor many years. A host of friends w
sadly miss him. His devoted wife su
vives him.

Issacial to The Times-Dignatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb
28.—Mrs, May H. Brown, of Str
county, died to-day at hor home
Eerea Church of paralysis, aged e
years. She is survived by one sol
one daughter.

Claud Thompson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., February 23.—
Claude Thompson, aged twenty-two, a prominent druggist here, died at his home in this city, following a brief lilness. He was a son of T. M. Thompson, a leading business man here. He is married and leaves a wife and one child. He was prominent in social circles.

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